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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

Serial Nos. Seven only.

Part B for

August 1941

SUBJECT.

War Contributions.

U. Krishnaiah
29.8.41

171/W.

War Contributions

General and Revenue
Secretariat

W File No. 60

of 1940-1

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From The Secy to the Honble the Resident.
D.O. no F. 15-40/W 2 17th May. 41
forwarding a Press Nth about the position of
1st & 2nd Viceroys. War Purpos Fund on the
31st March. 1941.

Dewan's minute on the Prd

" may be subd for His Highness's
information also. (ttd) M. J.
22/5/41

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The previous letter was passed on to the Secy
War Fund, as ordered by the II Member.
A copy of the press Nth will be sent
to the Secy in continuation. Subd with a
D.S.N. with ref to the Dewan's minute on the Prd.

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Chapley

Dewan)

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26.5.41

Contributions for war purposes

General and Revenue
Secretariat

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2

From

The Secy to the Honble the Resident
D.O. no F. 15-40/W & 19th MS. 41
indicating the revised procedure re: Contributions

Subd for perusal. This will be
Sent to the Secy War Fund for ~~information~~
~~to be kept in the Secy's office for reference~~
information and ~~action~~ ^{reference}. (A copy will be

Kept in this office for reference)
will be submd to Fin Secy also for perusal

PS
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Qd

23/5

Chief Secy

A copy may be sent to
the Secy War Fund
may be perused by him

28/5/41
JLW
28/5

MS
23/5
Qd

Subd. with draft & fair to the Secy. War Fund Committee.

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28.5.41.

Qd
29/5

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Issued No. W 166 of 28.5.41 to the Secy. W.F.C.

From

The Secy to the Honble the Resident

D.O. no F. 15-40/W & 18th MS. 41 re: Contribution
for war purposes.

Subd for perusal with a memo to the Secy
War Fund for information and guidance, as desired
in Para 3 of the Resy letter.

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Issued 362/W & 21st MS. 41 to the Secy. War Fund

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Contributions for War Purposes.

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For perusal

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21.7.41

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From The Secy to the Honble the Resident ^{MS} 26.7.41
D.O. No F. 15-40/W dated the 20th August 41
Re: Contributions for amenities for troops.

Subd for perusal. A copy of the
letter with enclosure will be sent to the Secy
War Fund for information and necessary action

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CPA
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Chief Secy

Yes

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Subd with a memo to the Secy War Fund

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Issued No 591/W. of 27.8.41 to the Secy, F.W.F. 7

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DEPARTMENTAL OFFICE

22 JUL 1941

NO. 54

CHIEF SECRETARY,

21 JUL 1941

GOVT OF MYSORE

D.O. letter No.F.15-40/W. dated the 28th April 1941, from the Secretary to the Resident, to the Chief Secretary to Govt.

I am desired to inform you that demands on His Excellency the Viceroy's War Purposes Fund for various welfare, relief and benevolent objects of direct interest to India, have been heavy of late and are likely to increase. So far, His Excellency has been able to provide what was necessary out of contributions made to the fund by generous donors, who were content to leave the distribution of their gifts of money to His Excellency's discretion. His Excellency considers that while it is most satisfactory that those donors who wish to do so, should feel that they can decide how their gifts should be applied it would not be out of place at the present time to commend also to their generosity the various welfare, relief and benevolent objects which rely almost entirely on such gifts. The imperative need for aircraft and armaments is recognised and the response from India for these objects has been magnificent. At the same time, it is suggested that in comparison, benevolent and welfare funds tend to be overlooked and that a more even distribution of gifts over all these objects is desirable.

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"C O P Y"

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D.O.No.F.15-40/W.

Bangalore,
17th May 1941.WAR CONTRIBUTIONS.

My Dear Kesavaiengar,

In continuation of my demi-official letter No.F.15-40/W, dated the 28th April 1941, I am desired to forward the enclosed Press Note about the position of His Excellency the Viceroy's War Purposes Fund on the 31st March 1941. One of His Excellency's main objects in issuing this Note is to draw the attention of the public to the need, which is becoming urgent, for diverting a larger proportion of donations from war material to welfare and relief purposes, especially amenities for troops. I am to request that, if there is no objection, this may kindly be brought to the notice of the Mysore War Fund.

Sd/-

Yours sincerely

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Rajasevaprakashta

Mr. B.T. Kesavaiengar, B.A.,
Chief Secretary to the Government of
His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,
Bangalore.

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MEN ARE AS IMPORTANT AS MACHINES.
 VICEROY'S WAR PURPOSES FUND
 ARMAMENTS WELL SUBSCRIBED
 MORE WELFARE MONEY BADLY NEEDED.

The Viceroy's War Purposes fund is now nearly Rs.3 $\frac{1}{4}$ crores. His Excellency gratefully acknowledges this splendid, voluntary effort - all the more remarkable since, except for the St.Dunstan's Section of his fund he has issued no appeal. The position of the fund, (including the St.Dunstan's Section), on March 31 was: -

Total payments from the fund.	Rs.290.7 lakhs.
Sums earmarked and awaiting payment "	50.0 lakhs.
Free balance.	" 30.0 lakhs.

Grand total contributed to or through the fund.	Rs.370.7 lakhs.

The most popular object with donors has been the provision of armaments, especially of aircraft, while the need for providing money for war relief and welfare, has been neglected in comparison (especially when it is remembered that many of the independent Provincial funds, which together account for contributions totalling several crores of rupees, were opened solely to collect money for aircraft).

The provision of amenities for troops, the relief of immediate suffering, and those benevolent funds and institutions which undertake the long-term relief of misery and destitution which are the legacy of war for many years, are all humanitarian objects of the first importance. Demands for such objects as the Indian Red Cross, the Indian Army Benevolent fund and the Amenities for Troops fund are increasing and immense sums will undoubtedly be required as war takes its toll. His Excellency the Viceroy hopes that this will not be forgotten when donors are considering how to apply their future contributions.

The main objects which have benefited are: -

- (1) Relief of suffering and distress caused by the war.
(Rs.46.75 lakhs).

- (2) Welfare and amenities for fighting services and others affected by the war. (Rs.20.53 lakhs).
- (3) Benevolent funds for disabled persons, assistance to dependants, etc. (Rs.2.16 lakhs).
- (4) Assistance to our allies (Rs.9.13 lakhs)
- (5) War material and Defence expenditure. (Rs.259.01 lakhs).

(1) Relief includes contributions to the Indian Red Cross Society and St. John Ambulance Association (Rs.5.08 lakhs); to the British Red Cross (Rs.3.48 lakhs); air-raid relief in the United Kingdom and Palestine (Rs.17.20 lakhs); assistance to evacuees (Rs.27,000); motor ambulances (Rs.14.60 lakhs); and to St. Dunstan's Fund for the treatment and after care of the war blinded (Rs.6.12 lakhs). A total of Rs.46.75 lakhs.

(2) Welfare includes grants to the Amenities for Troops Fund (Rs.8.80 lakhs); the Indian Comforts Fund (Rs.2.18 lakhs); King George's Fund for Sailors (Rs.7.72 lakhs); the Overseas League Tobacco Fund (Rs.17,000); British Community War Fund in Egypt (Rs.50,000); and miscellaneous small grants, amounting to Rs.1.16 lakhs, to various social and charitable organisations serving the fighting forces, such as T.O.C.H., the Salvation Army, the British Sailors Society, the Navy League, the Y.W.C.A. etc. (The Y.M.C.A. (India) has received assistance through the Amenities for Troops Fund). A total of Rs.20.53 lakhs.

(3) Benevolent funds, that is, those funds or institutions which provide assistance for men disabled in the war or to the dependants of men who lose their lives - have amounted so far only to just over Rs.2 lakhs.

Such funds and institutions usually benefit when at the end of the war, the time comes to dispose of the balances in various war funds, but demands on them may be heavy even before that. It was in recognition of this that Lord Beaverbrook recently announced that from April 1, 10 per cent of the money received by him for the provision of aircraft will be devoted to the Benevolent funds or charities in the United Kingdom of the three fighting services and the Mercantile Marine.

(4) Assistance to our Allies includes assistance for the Greeks (Rs.5.53 lakhs); contributions to the Lord Mayor's fund for Air-Raid Relief in Greece; the Polish Relief fund (Rs.50,000); General de Gaulle's fund for the Free French (Rs.10,000); a grant to the British Red Cross for French refugees (Rs.1 lakh) and a grant to provide comforts for Allied troops in the United Kingdom (Rs.2 lakhs). A total of Rs.913 lakhs.

(5) war Material etc. includes a large sum which has passed through the Viceroy's fund to the Ministry of Aircraft Production to provide planes for the Royal Air Force, and a smaller, though substantial, sum for the Indian Air Force; miscellaneous contributions to the Royal Navy and contributions to the Royal Indian Navy, especially for minesweeping trawlers - (so far four trawlers at Rs.7 lakhs each have been subscribed for through the Viceroy's fund); contributions to the Indian Defence Budget for armoured 'carriers' and other weapons and munitions - (so far 240 'carriers' at Rs.10,000 each have been subscribed for through the Viceroy's fund); and all unearmarked recurring contributions which, under the procedure approved by His Majesty, are paid to the Indian Defence Estimates. A total of Rs.259 lakhs.

Donors have taken full advantage of His Excellency's offer to apply their donations according to their wishes. Over two-thirds of the total amount subscribed have been for specified objects.

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Submitted to His Highness.

I submit herewith for His Highness's gracious perusal
demi-official letter No.15-40/W. dated the 17th May 1941 from
the Residency forwarding a copy of a Press Note about the position
of His Excellency the Viceroy's War Purposes Fund on the 31st
March 1941.

Bengalore,
27th May 1941.

Mirza M. Isma.
D E W A N .

Record of Cases submitted for the Orders of
His Highness the Maharaja.



Subject.

Residency letter regarding the
position of His Excellency the Viceroy's
War Purposes Fund on the 31st March 1941

Y. J. Singh
Mr

31.5.41 No. 813

Order.

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31.5.41

DEWAN'S OFFICE

2 JUN. 1941

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SUBJECT:—

Residing letter regarding the post
of H. E. the Vicary's was placed in
on the 31st March 1941.

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31. All urgent or confidential
files returned with His Highness' orders
may, in the absence of instructions or
indications to the contrary, be ordi-
narily circulated to the Members of
Council for perusal after the issue of
orders.

33. The Secretaries concerned
should see that orders in the cases
referred to above are issued at once and
that the files are returned immediately
after to the Chief Secretary for circu-
lation to the Members.

34. In all other cases, the files will
first be circulated to the Members of
Council at Headquarters and then sent
to the Secretariat concerned for the
issue of orders.

Circulated to Members of Council for perusal of His
Highness' orders before/after issue of orders. (Vide Rules
31, 33 and 34 of the Subsidiary Rules for the conduct of business
of Council in the Manual of Council Rules and Procedure.) (*)

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Chief Secretary to Government.

Through the Secretary to Government,

..... Department.

FIRST MEMBER OF COUNCIL.

SECOND MEMBER OF COUNCIL.

Subd for perusal.

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War Contributions.

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In War Fund Office for kind note
and return of the file

Mr. J. P. Himmelsbach to us

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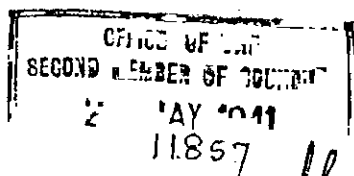
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Bangalore,

19th May 1941.

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR WAR PURPOSES.



Subd.

2nd member } No 1915741
2nd member } 21-5

No 22/5 - 1941

My Dear Kesavaiah,

I am desirous to say that a recent examination of the experiences gained in the working of His Excellency the Viceroy's War Purposes Fund in India and in the transfer of gifts to England has shown the need for simplification of the procedure now followed both to reduce the work involved and to ensure that due recognition is given to each gift. Under the existing practice each offer of a gift notified to the several authorities in Delhi has at once been given publicity and the news conveyed to the beneficiary, although actual payment has not followed the offer for varying periods of time. This delay in payment taken with the existing difficulties of communications, and the rule observed by most of the Ministries in the United Kingdom not to issue messages of thanks for the very numerous gifts they receive except after payment of the promised money, has led to considerable confusion and extra work and occasionally to the failure to give adequate or prompt recognition to public generosity.

2. It has therefore been decided by His Excellency the Viceroy that in future no publicity will be given to a donation until the money or gift has actually been received and passed on to the beneficiary.

3. I am accordingly to request that, if there is no objection, donors in the State may kindly be informed of the new procedure, and that, in explaining this, you will emphasise that the change is due solely to the needs for simplification

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Yours sincerely

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Rajasevaprakashta
Mr. B. T. Kesavaiengar, B.A.,
Chief Secretary to the Government of
His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,
Bangalore.

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28th May 1941.

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The Secretary,
Mysore War Fund Committee,
Bangalore.

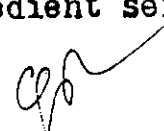
CONTRIBUTIONS FOR WAR PURPOSES.
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I am directed to enclose herein for your information and
needful action a copy of Residency letter No.F.15-40/W. dated the
19th May 1941, on the above subject.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,


For Chief Secretary to Government.



CONFIDENTIAL.

D.O. letter No.F.15-40/W. dated the 19th May 1941 from the Secretary to the Hon'ble the ~~Resident~~ Resident in Mysore.

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"C O P Y"



W 60-40-4
Bangalore,
18th July 1941.

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CONTRIBUTIONS FOR WAR PURPOSES.

CS. MS.
18/7

My Dear Kesavaiah,

I am desirous to inform you that on several occasions contributions for the purchase of particular war weapons have been made in instalments to His Excellency the Viceroy's War Purposes Fund with the request that the several sums may be forwarded to the beneficiary and that when the requisite total has been completed the article may be named after the donors.

2. It is pointed out that remittance of instalments to England is somewhat embarrassing to the Ministries and is liable to cause confusion, while, at the same time, cable correspondence is greatly increased. Similarly, the retention of the instalments in the Viceroy's War Purposes Fund entails the opening of separate accounts and increased work with the attendant risk of confusion.

3. I am therefore to request that, if there is no objection, the State War Fund authorities may kindly be informed that if a contributor intends to make payments "on account", they should kindly arrange to have the instalments retained in the most suitable manner until the requisite total is reached, when the whole sum may be remitted for the purchase of the desired article.

Yours sincerely
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Rajasevaprakashta
Mr. B. T. Kesavaiah, B.A.,
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His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,

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D.O. letter No.F.15-40/W dated the 18th July 1941
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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

Dated, Bangalore, the 21st July 1941

Memo No. 362/W -
W/60-40-5

Copy of the above is forwarded with compliments to the Secretary, War Fund Committee, for information and ~~guidance~~ ~~needful action~~.

For Chief Secretary to Government

D.O.No.F.15-40/W.



Bangalore,

20th August 1941.

Contributions for amenities for
troops.

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My Dear Kesavaiah,

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In continuation of my demi-official letter No.F.15-40/W, dated the 17th May 1941, I am desired to enclose the attached memorandum which has been prepared by the Amenities Section of the Adjutant General's Branch and to request that, if there is no objection, it may kindly be brought to the notice of the Mysore War Fund Committee. It may be explained to them that the proposed system does not aim at restricting the efforts of local organisations, but, in fact, the Adjutant General's Branch would take all possible care to ensure that the wishes of local organisations should be fulfilled, if at all practicable, in respect of their contributions, and that they should get the full credit for them. Un-coordinated generosity in this direction can, however, be very wasteful, and quantities of material are in fact being despatched independently, unfortunately of a kind which is sometimes unsuitable or unsuitably packed, and to places where the need for it is not greatest. I am to say that the assistance of the Government of Mysore in securing greater co-ordination would be greatly appreciated.

2. With reference to sub-paragraph (2) of paragraph 1 of the memorandum I am to add that for the sake of uniformity of treatment of all units, it is suggested by the Government of India that grants for amenities should not be made to any unit direct but through the Adjutant General's Branch.

Yours sincerely

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M E M O R A N D U M

A careful examination of the operation of the various Committees, Provincial and Central, which undertake the provision of "Amenities for Troops", indicates that greater value could be obtained from the money so generously subscribed for our Indian soldiers, both in this country and overseas. This can only be brought about if Provincial Amenities for Troops Funds and cognate Committees agree to work in co-operation with the Central Amenities for Troops Section administered by the Adjutant General's Branch, General Headquarters, for the following reasons: -

- (1) This Section is in direct communication with all overseas forces and therefore knows the immediate requirements of the Defence Services.
- (2) Independent grants are still being made to units in India by Provincial Committees without the knowledge of this Section, causing the distribution of amenities to be unequal.
- (3) Amenities Officers who report periodically to this Section from Overseas Commands send information when labelling or packing is incorrect, when goods fail to arrive and when unsuitable goods are sent, and what type of goods are best suited to the needs of the Troops.
- (4) All information of a secret or specialized nature, such as strengths, locations and prospective movements, is in the hands of the Section, which is therefore best calculated to arrange for the most prompt and advantageous distribution of gifts.
- (5) The shortage of shipping space may presently oblige the Defence Authorities to transport only packages containing gifts which are specifically wanted by the overseas forces.

2. To obtain, therefore, the best possible value for the troops, the following arrangements are commended for adoption by Provincial Committees: -

(a) In respect of troops overseas, Amenities Officers send periodically lists of the needs of the troops for gifts in kind. The Section proposes to deal with these indents in the following way: -

It will issue from time to time lists specifying what goods are in general demand and invite Provincial and State Committees which have funds at their disposal to volunteer to supply so many articles of each kind. When, therefore, a large indent arrives from any force overseas, the gifts wanted will be allotted 'pro rata' to the volunteering Provinces and States as far as possible, the rest will be bought centrally to comply with the indent. The volunteering Provinces will be asked to send their consignments with certain markings and labels by a specified date to a specified Embarkation Commandant, who will assemble the consignments as a whole, and despatch them overseas. The principle will be to allocate as far as possible to a certain Province or area the goods known to be produced most cheaply and well in that area and, if necessary, funds will be sent from the Centre to enable the Provincial or State Committee to buy a particular article in the cheapest and best market. All cases sent by either a Provincial or a State Committee should be clearly marked as a gift of that Province or State. No Province or State, however, should send any goods to an Embarkation Commandant unless and until its despatch has been authorised by the Central Organisation.

(b)

(b) In respect of troops in India, gifts in cash to the Central Committee are most acceptable.

Gifts in kind - except literature which is always to be encouraged - should not be solicited. If made, the type, amount and the designation of the recipients should be reported promptly to this Section.

3. The accompanying schedules contain the articles always in demand in large quantities. Additions will be made to this schedule from time to time of new or special articles in demand. Provinces and States should discourage all gifts in kind which are not covered by the schedules; and, if they must receive them, dispose of them locally if that can be done without giving grave offence and utilize the proceeds either by making a cash remittance to the Central Committee or by buying scheduled articles which they can purchase locally with economy.

Schedule 'A' contains gifts in kind suitable for collective distribution. Amenities Officers emphasize that these are the most desirable type of amenity. They deprecate the sending of individual amenities which have to be distributed scrupulously to each person to ensure equity.

Schedule 'B' contains amenities of an individual type, but it is possible to distribute them on a collective basis to units.

A united effort in this direction will result in a considerable saving of money and energy and in a greater degree of efficiency.

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SCHEDULE 'A'

1. Battery wireless sets.
2. Literature (books and humorous periodicals urgently wanted).
3. Sports gear (indoor & outdoor).
4. Gramophones.
5. Gramophone records.
6. Musical instruments.
7. Writing paper.
8. Envelopes.
9. Pens and nibs.
10. Pencils.
11. Bidis.
12. Country tobacco.
13. Chewing tobacco.
14. Chillums.
15. Combs for Sikhs.
16. Hair oil.
17. Sarson oil.
18. Kikar Sticks.

SCHEDULE 'B'

1. Vests.
2. Drawers.
3. Shaving soap.
4. Razor.
5. Razor Blades.
6. Tooth paste.
7. Condiments.
8. Spices.

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It will issue from time to time lists specifying what goods are in general demand and invite Provincial and State Committees which have funds at their disposal to volunteer to supply so many articles of each kind. When, therefore, a large indent arrives from any force overseas, the gifts wanted will be allotted 'pro rata' to the volunteering Provinces and States as far as possible, the rest will be bought centrally to comply with the indent. The volunteering Provinces will be asked to send their consignments with certain markings and labels by a specified date to a specified Embarkation Commandant, who will assemble the consignments as a whole, and despatch them overseas. The principle will be to allocate as far as possible to a certain Province or area the goods known to be produced most cheaply and well in that area and, if necessary, funds will be sent from the Centre to enable the Provincial or State Committee to buy a particular article in the cheapest and best market. All cases sent by either a Provincial or a State Committee should be clearly marked as a gift of that Province or State. No Province or State, however, should send any goods to an Embarkation Commandant unless and until its despatch has been authorised by the Central Organisation.

- (b) In respect of troops in India, gifts in cash to the Central Committee are most acceptable.

Gifts in kind - except literature which is always to be encouraged - should not be solicited. If made, the type, amount and the designation of the recipients should be reported promptly to this Section.

3. The accompanying schedules contain the articles always in demand in large quantities. Additions will be made to this schedule from time to time of new or special articles in demand. Provinces and States should discourage all gifts in kind which are not covered by the schedules; and, if they must receive them, dispose of them locally if that can be done without giving grave offence and utilise

the proceeds either by making a cash remittance to the Central Committee or by buying scheduled articles which they can purchase locally with economy.

Schedule 'A' contains gifts in kind suitable for collective distribution. Amenities officers emphasize that these are the most desirable type of amenity. They deprecate the sending of individual amenities which have to be distributed scrupulously to each person to ensure equity.

Schedule 'B' contains amenities of an individual type, but it is possible to distribute them on a collective basis to units.

A united effort in this direction will result in a considerable saving of money and energy and in a greater degree of efficiency.

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SCHEDULE 'A'

1. Battery wireless sets.
2. Literature (books and humorous periodicals urgently wanted).
3. Sports gear (indoor & outdoor).
4. Gramophones.
5. Gramophone records.
6. Musical instruments.
7. Writing paper.
8. Envelopes.
9. Pens and nibs.
10. Pencils.
11. Bidies.
12. Country tobacco.
13. Chewing tobacco.
14. Chillums.
15. Combs for Sikhs.
16. Hair Oil.
17. Sarson oil.
18. Kikar Sticks.

SCHEDULE 'B'

1. Vests.
2. Drawers.
3. Shaving soap.
4. Razor.
5. Razor Blades.
6. Tooth paste.
7. Condiments.
8. Spices.

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Copy of the above is forwarded with compliments to the Secretary, War Fund Committee, for information and necessary action.

Sd/- C. G. R.

For Chief Secretary to Government.

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